

**This Week in Congress**

January 9, 2006

Dear Friend,

Welcome to "This Week in Congress." I hope you find this newsletter useful.

**Leadership Changes in Washington, D.C.**

I believe it is time for a change in leadership in the U.S. House of Representatives. Both Democrats and Republicans need to focus on what is good for Americans. Not only do we need a change in leaders, we need a change in the way business is conducted in the nation's capital.

This weekend I signed a petition calling for a special election to replace Tom DeLay's position as House Majority Leader. The election will take place when the House of Representatives reconvenes later this month.

### **From Hope to Paradise: Continuing Tenth Annual Big First Listening Tour**

Since Congress adjourned before the holidays, I have been traveling the Big First district to continue my tenth annual listening tour. Each stop is useful to me as I meet directly with Kansans to hear their thoughts and concerns. This input helps me do a better job representing Kansans in Congress.

Over the last two weeks, I made stops in Coldwater, Greensburg, Hoxie, Hill City, Logan, Sublette, Ness City, Stockton, Miltonvale, Quinter, Clay Center, Liberal, Minneapolis, Minneola, Garden City, Jetmore and Meade.

The tour schedule is below. Visit my website at [www.house.gov/moranks01/](http://www.house.gov/moranks01/) to stay up-to-date on tour stops that are still being scheduled.

Area residents are invited to meet with me at any of the stops:

**Friday, December 9**

Dickinson County Tour Stop, Hope

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: First National Bank, 112 North Main

Saline County Tour Stop, Gypsum

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: Central National Bank, 600 Maple Street

**Monday, December 12**

Ellsworth County Tour Stop, Ellsworth

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Downtown

Rice County Tour Stop, Sterling

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: Rotary Club, Sterling College Cafeteria, 125 West Cooper

**Tuesday, December 20**

Wabaunsee County Tour Stop, Alma

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Downtown

Morris County Tour Stop, Council Grove

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: Downtown

Geary County Tour Stop, Junction City

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: Municipal Building, EDC Conference Room, 700 North Jefferson

**Thursday, December 22**

Mitchell County Tour Stop, Cawker City

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: Farmers and Merchants State Bank, 719 Wisconsin

Osborne County Tour Stop, Osborne

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: Rotary Club, Circle Inn Restaurant, 1106 W. US Highway 24

**Friday, December 23**

Trego County Tour Stop, WaKeeney

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Downtown

**Tuesday, December 27**

Rooks County Tour Stop, Stockton

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: Stockton National Bank, 123 North Cedar

**Wednesday, December 28**

Comanche County Tour Stop, Coldwater

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: Downtown

Kiowa County Tour Stop, Greensburg

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Location: Downtown

**Thursday, December 29**

Ottawa County Tour Stop, Minneapolis

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: VFW Hall - Post 3201, 311 W. Second Street

Cloud County Tour Stop, Miltonvale

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: Citizens State Bank, 201 Starr Avenue



Clay County Tour Stop, Clay Center

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Location: Clay Center Chamber of Commerce, 308 Court Depot Plaza

**Friday, December 30**

Gove County Tour Stop, Quinter

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: First National Bank, 400 North Main

Sheridan County Tour Stop, Hoxie

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: Downtown

## **Saturday, December 31**

Graham County Tour Stop, Hill City

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Downtown

Phillips County Tour Stop, Logan

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: Downtown

**Tuesday, January 3**

Seward County Tour Stop, Liberal

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Location: Liberal Chamber of Commerce, 4 Rock Island Road

Haskell County Tour Stop, Sublette

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Downtown

Finney County Tour Stop, Garden City

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: Lions Club Meeting, Wheatlands Restaurant, 1311 East Fulton

**Wednesday, January 4**

Clark County Tour Stop, Minneola

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: Civic Center, 130 N. Main

Meade County Tour Stop, Meade

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: Kiwanis Club, Chuck Wagon Restaurant, 807 W. Carthage

**Thursday, January 5**

Ness County Tour Stop, Ness City

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: Downtown

Hodgeman County Tour Stop, Jetmore

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: Lions Club, Sidewinder Restaurant, 503 Main

**Friday, January 20**

Ellis County Tour Stop, Hays

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: Chamber Luncheon, American Legion, 1305 Canterbury Drive

**Monday, January 23**

Barton County Tour Stop, Great Bend

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: Rotary Club, Highland Hotel, Heritage Room, 3017 10th St.

Stafford County Tour Stop, St. John

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Downtown

Pawnee County Tour Stop, Larned

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Location: Downtown

Edwards County Tour Stop, Kinsley

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Rotary Club, City Hall, Community Room, 721 Main Street

## **Tuesday, January 24**

Logan County Tour Stop, Oakley

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Lions Club, VFW Post, 317 Center Avenue

**Thursday, January 26**

McPherson County Tour Stop, McPherson

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Location: Chamber of Commerce Building, 306 North Main

Marion County Tour Stop, Hillsboro

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: City Building, 118 East Grand

**Friday, January 27**

Cheyenne County Tour Stop, St. Francis



Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: Downtown

Sherman County Tour Stop, Goodland

Time: 12:00 p.m. MST

Location: Rotary Club, Northwest Kansas Technical College, Student Union Building, 1207 Harrison

**Monday, January 30**

Reno County Tour Stop, Pretty Prairie

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Location: Downtown

**Tuesday, January 31**

Chase County Tour Stop, Strong City

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Location: Downtown

**Thursday, February 2**

Nemaha County Tour Stop, Bern

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: State Bank of Bern, 123 Main Street

Marshall County Tour Stop, Marysville

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: Downtown

Washington County Tour Stop, Washington

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Location: Downtown

Republic County Tour Stop, Cuba

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Downtown

**Monday, February 6**

Decatur County Tour Stop, Norcatur

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Location: Downtown

Norton County Tour Stop, Norton

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: Rotary Club, Town and Country Kitchen, East Highway 36

**Thursday, February 9**

Wichita County Tour Stop, Leoti

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: C.A.R.E. Business Center, 102 West Broadway

Greeley County Tour Stop, Tribune

Time: 10:30 a.m. MST

Location: Downtown

Wallace County Tour Stop, Sharon Springs

Time: 12:00 p.m. MST

Location: Rotary Club, Stephens Restaurant, 27 Highway 40

**Monday, February 13**

Greenwood County Tour Stop, Madison

Time: 6:45 p.m.

Location: Downtown

Very truly yours,

Jerry